

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 13, 15, 16, and 20 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making an interior trim panel for ~~attachment to structure of~~ a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a mold having a first half and a second half;

loading a trim blank into a first side of a cavity of a ~~first side of a mold~~ the first half;

moving a slide having a recess to an extended position on a ~~core of the mold~~ the second half;

depositing a molten thermoplastic material onto the ~~core of the mold~~ second half;

closing the mold and disposing a blade on the first half in the recess;

moving the slide to a retracted position; and

injecting a molten thermoplastic material into a second side of the ~~mold~~ cavity to form the interior trim panel.

2. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of injecting includes forming a carrier from the thermoplastic material and bonding the carrier to the trim blank.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of depositing comprises extruding the thermoplastic material onto the ~~core of the mold~~ second half.

4. (CANCELED)

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6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of loading comprises loading the trim blank into a ~~slip device on~~ trim loading system for cooperating with the mold.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of injecting comprises providing ~~a fixed~~ an injection unit ~~and~~ for injecting molten plastic into the mold.

8. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 7 including the step of cooling the interior trim panel.

9. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 8 including the step of opening the mold.

10. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 9 including the step of removing the interior trim panel from the mold.

11. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 1 including the step of pre-cutting the trim blank.

12. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 1 including the step of starting one step before a previous step has been completed.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making an interior trim panel for ~~attachment to~~ an inner panel of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a mold having a first half and a second half;

loading a trim blank into a first side of a cavity of ~~a mold on a first side thereof~~ the first half;

moving a slide having a recess to an extended position on ~~a core of the mold~~ the second half;

depositing a molten thermoplastic material onto the ~~core of the mold~~ second half;

closing the mold and disposing a blade on the first half in the recess to form a first portion of the interior trim panel;

moving the slide to a retracted position; and

injecting a molten thermoplastic material into the mold and forcing the molten plastic material into a second side of the ~~mold~~ cavity to form a second portion of the interior trim panel.

14. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said step of injecting includes forming a carrier from the thermoplastic material and bonding the carrier to the trim blank.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said step of depositing comprises extruding the thermoplastic material onto the ~~core of the mold~~ second half.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said step of loading comprises loading the trim blank into a ~~slip device on~~ trim loading system for cooperating with the mold.

17. (CANCELED)

18. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 13 including the step of opening the mold.

19. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 18 including the step of removing the interior trim panel from the mold.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making a door trim panel for attachment to an inner panel of a door of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a mold having a first half and a second half;

loading a trim blank into a first side of a cavity of a ~~mold on a first side thereof~~ the first half;

extending a slide having a recess to an extended position on a ~~core of the mold~~ the second half;

depositing a molten thermoplastic material onto the ~~core of the mold~~ second half;

closing the mold and disposing a blade on the first half in the recess to form a first portion of the ~~interior~~ door trim panel;

retracting the slide to a retracted position; and

injecting a molten thermoplastic material into a second side of the ~~mold~~ cavity and forcing the molten plastic material into the second side of the ~~mold~~ cavity to form a second portion of the door trim panel.